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Operation Blue Santa seeks your help

The Austin Police Department's Operation Blue Santa needs volunteers to join in the fun of delivering packages to families and children starting at 8 a.m. Saturday, December 19, 2009. Those wishing to volunteer can pick up packages at the Operation Blue Santa headquarters located at 4101 South Industrial Drive, Suite 260.

Remote Site volunteers wishing to deliver can pick up packages at 8 a.m., Saturday, December 19, 2009 at the following locations:

- Lanier High School Parking lot, 1201 Payton Gin Rd.
- Reagan High School parking lot, 7104 Berkman Dr.

Operation Blue Santa is a charitable outreach effort created in 1972 by two APD patrol officers who realized that some families in their area would not have gifts or food for their children at Christmas. The distribution began with 20 families from the back of a patrol car. Today Operation Blue Santa serves more than 3,500 families receiving gifts and a Christmas dinner during the holiday season.

For more information about the Operation Blue Santa program or to become a volunteer, visit www.bluesanta.org or call Operation Blue Santa at (512) 220-BLUE (2583).

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